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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Goodman	Patent No. 5,694,455	December, 1997
Leersmakers	Patent No. 6,928,468	August, 2005
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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENT**

Audible, Inc. Patent No. WO-98/11487 March, 1998

**FOREIGN OFFICE ACTIONS**

Canadian Office Action dated April 21, 2004 (Copy included)  
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**RELATED CASES**

Applicant draws the Examiner's attention to the following related cases that share a common specification with this case.

U.S. Patent No. 6,496,692  
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U.S. Patent Application No. 10/600,975  
U.S. Patent Application No. 10/603,271  
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Respectfully submitted,

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